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SUBJECT: STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY
MEASURE NO. 9

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1. READING FROM CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM POLCOUNS, PRIMINISTER'S PROTOCOL SECRETARY HAN SANG KUK SAID THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ELEVEN INCIDENTS SINCE LAST SPRING IN WHICH 159 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9, AND A TOTAL OF 69 ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROSECUTED. EXCEPT FOR ONE PROBATIONER AND EIGHT EHWA GIRLS ALL SIXTY REMAINING ARE BEING DETAINED IN PRISON UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9. HAN PROVIDED FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS AND NUMBERS APPREHENDED AND PROSECUTED FOR EACH INCIDENT, NOTING THAT THESE WERE THE ONLY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND NOW UNDER PROSECUTION FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

A. MAY 22 SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
DEMONSTRATION: 63 TAKEN; 26 BEING PROSECUTED AND
DETAINED.

B. MAY 23 ATTEMPT TO PUBLISH SEDITIOUS INFORMATION
AT HANKUK TEACHERS COLLEGE: 4 TAKEN; 1 PROSECUTED
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AND DETAINED.

C. JUNE 13 CIRCULAR CONDEMNING DISMISSAL OF PROFESSORS
AND AIRING OTHER STUDENT GRIEVANCES AT KONGKUK
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: 1 TAKEN; 1 PROSECUTED AND DETAINED.

D. JUNE 19 CIRCULAR IN THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE
TO FIGHT FOR A FREE PRESS: 1 TAKEN; 1 PROSECUTED
AND DETAINED.

F. JUNE 20 ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION BY CATHOLIC STUDENTS:
60 TAKEN; 21 PROSECUTED AND DETAINED.

G. JUNE 21 ATTEMPT TO SELL HANDKERCHIEFS TO HELP
DONGA ILBO ON EWAH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS: 10 TAKEN;
8 PROSECUTED WITHOUT DETENTION.

H. JUNE 27 DESPATCH OF SEDITIOUS INFORMATION BY
CHUNGNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT: 1 TAKEN; 1 ON PROBATION
NOT DETAINED.

I. JUNE 30 CIRCULAR CONTAINING SEDITIOUS INFORMATION
AT DONGKUK UNIVERSITY: 3 TAKEN; 1 PROSECUTED AND
DETAINED.

J. JULY 3 ATTEMPT TO SPREAD CIRCULAR AT CHUNGANG UNIVERSITY:
4 TAKEN; 2 PROSECUTED AND DETAINED.

K. SEPTEMBER 5 SEDITIOUS ARTICLE IN STUDENT NEWSPAPER
AT HANKUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: 4 TAKEN; 2 UNDER
DETENTION FOR INVESTIGATION.

L. OCTOBER 17 CIRCULATION OF STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE
BY KIM CHI-HA ON YONSEI AND EWAH CAMPUSES: 8 TAKEN;
5 DETAINED UNDER INVESTIGATION.

M. OCTOBER 17 KYONGGI HIGH SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION
PROTESTING MOVEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL: 14 TAKEN;
14 RELEASED.

2. HAN DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY TRIALS ALREADY WERE UNDER
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WAY AND HOW MANY HAD YET TO BEGIN. NONE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
HOWEVER, AND NO SENTENCES HAVE BEEN LEVIED.

3. HAN EMPHASIZED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FOR OUR
BACKGROUND USE AND WAS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED. WHEN ASKED
IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE GENERAL ESTIMATES TO THOSE
WHO INQUIRED ON THE BASIS OF THESE FIGURES, HAN SPECIFICALLY
REPEATED THAT THESE FIGURES SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED

TO IN ANY COMMENTS MADE.
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